

Assessment of Hard-to-Reach Areas in South Sudan

# June 2017

#### **Overview**

On July 8th, fighting broke out in Juba between the government-led SPLA and former opposition SPLA-IO. Since then, the states of Greater Equatoria have seen fighting spread to other towns and villages throughout the region, displacing hundreds of thousands South Sudanese across the borders into Uganda and Kenya. Many areas in Greater Equatoria are largely inaccessible to humanitarian actors due to insecurity and logistical constraints. As a result, only limited information is available on the humanitarian situation outside major displacement sites.

In order to fill such information gaps and facilitate humanitarian planning, in late 2015, REACH piloted its Area of Origin (AoO) methodology, which takes a territory-based approach that may

cover several bomas, to collect data in hard-to-reach areas of Unity State.

In December 2016, REACH decided to refine the methodology, moving from the AoO to the Area of Knowledge (AoK) methodology, an approach collecting information at the settlement level. The most recent OCHA Common Operational Dataset (COD) released in February 2016 has been used as the reference for settlement names and locations. Through AoK, REACH collects data from a network of Key Informants (KIs) who have sector-specific knowledge and gain information from regular direct or indirect contact, or recent displacement.

Using this new methodology, in April 2017, REACH collected information on Greater Equatoria using remote phone calling

of KIs within the Equatorias to supplement data collected in displacement sites with information directly from assessed settlements.

Data collected is aggregated to the settlement level and all percentiles presented in this factsheet, unless otherwise specified, represent percent of settlements within Greater Equatoria with that specific response.

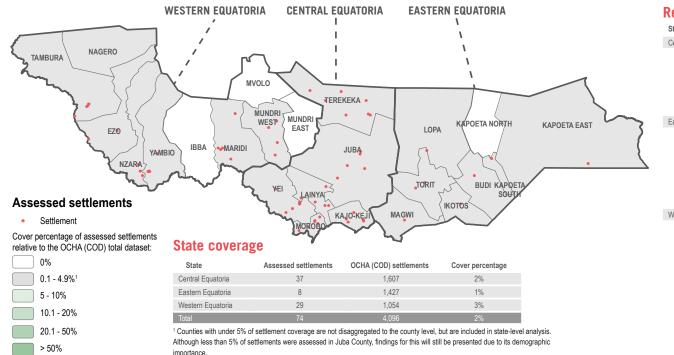
Although current AoK coverage is still limited and its findings not statistically significant, it provides an indicative understanding of the needs and current humanitarian situation in assessed areas of Greater Equatoria States. Data presented in this factsheet was collected remotely via telephone calling, and from Juba PoC site 1 and PoC site 3.

#### Assessment coverage

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91	Key Informants interviewed	
74	Settlements assessed	
itact w	ith Area of Knowledge	
3% 0%	KIs reported to be newly arrived IDPs. KIs reported to have visited the AoK within the last month. KIs reported to be in contact with	
<b>i0%</b>	someone living in the AoK within the last month.	

#### **Assessment coverage**



### Reached settlements

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State	County	Assessed settlements	OCHA (COD) settlements	Cover percentage
Central Equatoria	Juba	6	398	2%
	Kajo-Keji	7	264	3%
	Lainya	3	215	1%
	Morobo	4	135	3%
	Terekeka	7	352	2%
	Yei	10	243	4%
Eastern Equatoria	Budi	1	212	1%
	Ikotos	1	229	1%
	Kapoeta East	1	495	1%
	Kapoeta South	1	50	2%
	Lopa	1	98	1%
	Magwi	1	121	1%
	Torit	2	222	1%
Vestern Equatoria	Ezo	1	134	1%
	Maridi	4	210	2%
	Mundri West	5	159	3%
	Nagero	1	46	2%
	Nzara	4	136	3%
	Tambura	6	163	4%
	Yambio	8	206	4%



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# New arrivals

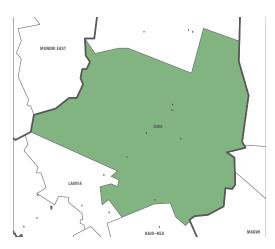
### **Push factors**

Top three reported reasons newly arrived IDPs left their previous location:  $^{\rm 2}$ 

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### Displacement



Percent of settlements reporting presence of IDPs:

Insufficient data
0 - 25%
26 - 50%
51 - 75%
76 - 100%

### Pull factors

Top three reported reasons newly arrived IDPs came to their current location:<sup>2</sup>

1	Security	79%
2	Access to food	70%
3	Access to health services	40%

### **Previous location**

Local community

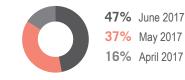
Top three reported most recent long-term locations for newly arrived IDPs:

1	Yei County	21%
2	Kajo-Keji County	14%
3	Terekeka County	14%

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# Displacement

Reported time of first displacement for newly arrived IDPs:



### **Demographic composition**

Reported gender ratio of local community remaining in assessed settlements:

More women than men	68%
About equal	14%
All/almost all women	12%
More men than women	6%

# Reported age ratio of local community remaining in assessed settlements:

More adults than children	41%
More children than adults	32%
About equal	13%
All/almost all adults	11%
All/almost all children	2%
All/almost all elderly	1%



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### **Demographic composition**

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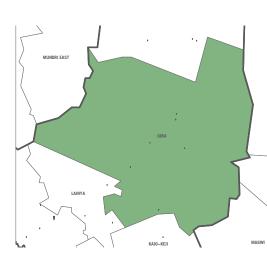
More women than men	81%
No answer	9%
About equal	5%
More men than women	5%

Reported age ratio of IDPs in assessed settlements:

More children than adults55%More adults than children20%All/almost all adults10%About equal10%No answer5%

<sup>2</sup>Most frequently cited as first, second and third most important reasons.

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Percent of settlements reporting local community remaining:

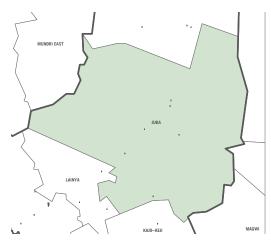
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### Health



Percent of settlements reporting access to health care:		
Insufficient data		
26 - 50%		
51 - 75%		
76 - 100%		

### Healthcare unavailability

Top three reported reasons why healthcare facilities



### **Health concerns**

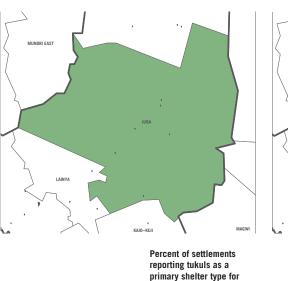
Most commonly reported heath concerns in the assessed settlements:3



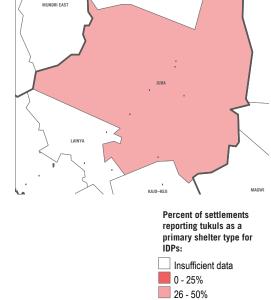
### Healthcare distance

Reported distance of the nearest healthcare facilities from the assessed settlements:

Under 30 minutes 25% 30 minutes to under 1 hour 58% 15% 1 hour to under half a day 2% Half a day



local community: Insufficient data 0 - 25% 26 - 50% 51 - 75% 76 - 100%



are not available from the assessed settlements:<sup>4</sup>



**Feeding programmes** 

provide Plumpy Sup, CSB++ or other nutrition supplements in the assessed settlements:

Reported availability of feeding programmes that



<sup>3</sup> Key informants could choose up to three answers. <sup>4</sup> Key informants could choose up to two answers.

### **Shelter sharing**

1 to 5

6 to 10

11 to 15

Reported number of people sharing a shelter in assessed settlements:

> 62% 30% 7%

### **Sheltering IDPs**

Reported proportion of the local community sharing shelters with IDPs:

51 - 75%

76 - 100%

All	5%
More than half	15%
Around half	15%
Less than half	60%
None	5%



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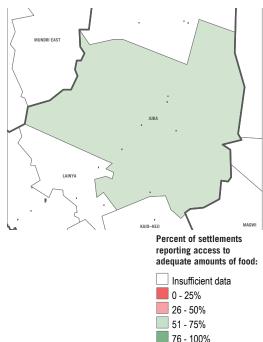
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# **Food Security**



### Market distance

Reported distance of the nearest market from the assessed settlements:

Under 30 minutes 27% 30 minutes to under 1 hour 49% 1 hour to under half a day 22% 2% Half a day

### Food unavailability

Top three reported reasons why people cannot access enough food in the assessed settlements:5



### **Coping strategies**

The average number of reported coping strategies used in the assessed settlements:

coping strategies 3 .8 reported on average

### Land availability

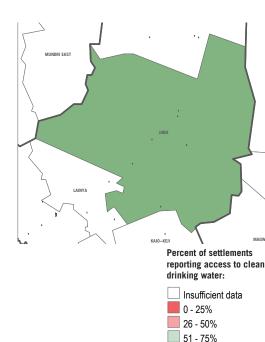
Reported availability of land for agriculture in the assessed settlements:



### Market availability

Reported availability of a functioning market accessible from the assessed settlements:





Reported use of sanitation facilities over open

defecation in assessed settlements:

76 - 100%

4%

26%

21%

40% 9%

WASH

Sanitation

More than half

Around half

None

Less than half

All

# Water distance

Reported distance of the nearest safe water source from the assessed settlements:

Under 30 minutes	20%
30 minutes to under 1 hour	69%
1 hour to under half a day	9%
No answer	2%

### Water availability

Reported availability of a safe water source accessible from the assessed settlements:



Available 15% Not available

### Water sources

Reported primary safe water source available from the assessed settlements:

Borehole	92%
Tapstand	7%
Chlorine Tabs	1%



<sup>5</sup> Key informants could choose up to three answers.



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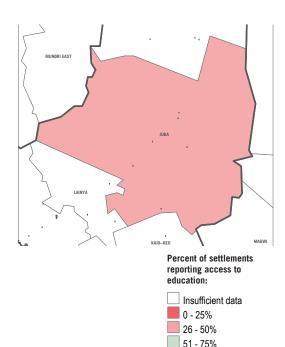
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### **Education**



None	24%
Pre-primary	57%
Primary	74%
Secondary	36%
ALP <sup>7</sup>	21%

### Education attendance and availability

Top two reported reasons why children are not attending school in the assessed settlements:

1 High fees

2 There are no supplies 44%

75%

Top two reported reasons why education services are not available in the assessed settlements:

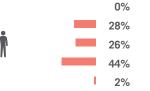


destroyed by conflict

0%

### School attendance

Reported proportion of settlements where 6-17 years old boys and girls attend school respectively:



76 - 100%

None	0%	
Less than half	42%	
Half	42%	
More than half	10%	
All	6%	

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<sup>6</sup>Kev informants could choose more than one answer. 7 Accelerated learning programmes.



# **Education availability**

Reported available education services in the assessed settlements:6

24%
57%
74%
36%
21%

#### 12% 3 Looting Domestic violence 9% 4 Cattle raiding 4 Killing/injury by Killing/injury by 5 8% same community same community

## **Community relations**

Reported relationships between IDPs, returnees<sup>8</sup> and local community in the assessed settlements:

5%

95%

27%

17%

Very Good Good

**Protection** 

Reported primary protection

concerns for women in the

assessed settlements:

Killing/injury by

Sexual violence

other community

Women

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Reported primary protection concerns for men in the assessed settlements: Killing/injury by 27% other community 2 Forced recruitment 22% 21% 3 Looting

Men

Children Reported primary protection

concerns for children in the assessed settlements:

1	Abduction	27%
2	Killing/injury by other community	13%
3	Family separation	11%
4	Looting	11%
5	Killing/injury by same community	3%

### Land disputes

8%

6%

Reported presence of disputes over land ownership in the assessed settlements:



<sup>8</sup>Local community displaced and returned home, reported in 61% of assessed settlements.

## **About REACH**

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